

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (amended). A method for preventing movement of an infant from one area of a house to another~~in a particular direction~~ by creating a barrier on a floor comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of low-profile upward extending sections, each upward extending section having a top surface design that is incapable of puncturing the skin of an infant, said plurality of low-profile upward extending sections extend upward from the top surface of a sheeting material; ~~[[and,]]~~

appropriately sizing the length and depth of the sheeting material to substantially conform to the portion of the floor intended to be placed upon; and,

positioning said sheeting material across ~~[[a]]~~ said portion of the floor to create a barrier to prevent ~~further movement of the infant in a particular direction~~from one area of a house to another by providing the infant with temporary discomfort when the infant touches and applies its own weight to both the top surface of said sheeting material and to at least one of said top surface designs.

Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 2 where said sheeting is adhesively attached to the flooring.

Claim 4 (amended). The method of claim 2 where said sheeting is attached to the flooring using [Velcro®] hook and loop.

Claim 5 (amended). A method for preventing movement of an infant in a particular direction by creating a barrier on a floor comprising the steps of:

providing a sheeting material, said sheeting material having a plurality of upward extending low profile sections, each low profile section having a top surface design that is incapable of puncturing the skin of an infant yet will provide temporary discomfort to the infant when the infant touches and applies its own weight to a portion of the sheeting material;

appropriately sizing the sheeting material; and,

positioning [[the]] said appropriately sized sheeting material in a desired location upon a floor to create a barrier to prevent movement of an infant in a direction across the barrier.

Claim 6 (new). A method for preventing an infant from moving from one area of a house to another by creating a barrier upon a portion of a floor comprising the steps of:

providing a sheeting material having a low profile top surface design, said low profile top surface design comprising a plurality of upward extending sections having respective distal ends, said low profile top surface design having a limited height which permits older children and adults to step over and said distal ends designed to provide temporary discomfort when the infant touches and applies its own weight to a portion of said sheeting material; said limited height further defined as being sufficiently short so that an infant would not be able to grab and detach any of said upward extending sections;

sizing said sheeting material for the portion of said floor upon which said sheeting material is to be placed, said sheeting material sized for older children and adults to step over while still providing sufficient depth to discourage an infant from attempting to cross; and,

placing said sheeting material upon a floor in a substantially desired location to create a barrier preventing movement of an infant from one area of a house to another.

Claim 7 (new). The method of claim 5 where said sheeting is adhesively attached to the flooring.

Claim 8 (new). The method of claim 5 where said sheeting is attached to the flooring using hook and loop.

Claim 9 (new). The method of claim 6 where said sheeting is adhesively attached to the flooring.

Claim 10 (new). The method of claim 6 where said sheeting is attached to the flooring using hook and loop.